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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 were pending in the present Application. Claim 20 has been canceled leaving Claims 1-4 and 6-19 for consideration in the present amendment.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks and a Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 filed concurrently herewith.

First Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-4, 6-13, and 15-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,486,082 to Cho et al. (hereinafter "Cho"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The rejection has been rendered moot in view of the Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 filed concurrently herewith, swearing behind the filing date of the Cho reference. Cho was filed on June 18, 2001. Applicants conceived and reduced to practice its invention sometime prior to June 18, 2001 as evidenced in the Declaration submitted under 37 USC §1.131 declaring and stating that the invention was conceived of and reduced to practice in the United States sometime prior to June 18, 2001.

Accordingly, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

Second, Third and Fourth Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,147,009 to Grill et al. (hereinafter "Grill") or U.S. Patent No. 6,159,871 to Loboda et al. (hereinafter "Loboda") or U.S. Patent No. 6,348,725 to Cheung et al. (hereinafter "Cheung").

These rejections have been rendered moot in view of the cancellation thererof.

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First Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 14 stands rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC §103(a) over Cho and further in view of Grill. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Declaration filed concurrently herewith removes Cho as a prior art reference. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot and the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

Second Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 14 stands rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Cho and further in view of Loboda. Applicants respectfully traverse.

For similar reasons as noted above, the rejection has been rendered moot in view of the Declaration swearing behind Cho. Accordingly, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

Third Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grill in view of Cho.

For similar reasons as noted above, the rejection has been rendered moot in view of the Declaration swearing behind Cho. Accordingly, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

Fourth Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Loboda in view of Cho.

For similar reasons as noted above, the rejection has been rendered moot in view of the Declaration swearing behind Cho. Accordingly, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

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Fifth Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheung in view of Cho.

For similar reasons as noted above, the rejection has been rendered moot in view of the Declaration swearing behind Cho. Accordingly, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

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